

# Laughing Out Loud Canada – Home-grown Humour

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(Target audience: Ages 9–12)



Canada is famous for its humour. Here's a chance to organize a special day to celebrate our unique Canadian humour through stories, jokes and games.

## **Introduction**

Be sure to have a Canadian flag and some Canadian music (national anthem) on hand to start off the program.

Canadian Trivia – Get the ball rolling by asking some trivia questions. You can find Canadian trivia in any Canadian fact book.

## **Book suggestions:**

*Crazy about Canada! Amazing Things Kids Want to Know, Only In Canada!* by Vivien Bowers

*That's Very Canadian: An Exceptionally Interesting Report About All Things Canadian, by Rachel* by Vivien Bowers

*Wacky Canada: Fun Facts and Activities* by Jeff Sinclair

## **Stories and Poetry**

Check our booklist for suggestions for a great read! Read a humorous story or poem written by or about a Canadian or a chapter from a funny novel.

## **Book suggestions:**

*Princess Prunella and the Purple Peanut* by Margaret Atwood

*If I Had a Million Onions* by Sheree Fitch

## **Canadian Riddles/Jokes Contest**

Start off telling a few Canadian jokes. Look for a book of Canadian humour or try searching the Internet for appropriate jokes. If you can't find specific Canadian jokes, look for jokes about beavers, moose, winter, the North, farming or fishing.

## **Book suggestions:**

*101 Canadian Jokes* by Howard Hershkowitz

*Greatest Kids Comebacks Ever* by Matt Rissinger and Philip Yates

### **Examples:**

Question: Why did the boy climb up the tree?

Answer: *Because he wanted to play with the maple leafs.*

Question: What is the best lake in Canada

Answer: *Lake Superior*

Question: What is the messiest sport played in Canada?

Answer: *Basketball – because the players dribble on the floor.*

### **Joke Contest**

Invite kids to bring their funniest jokes. These don't have to have a Canadian theme because the comedians are Canadian! Give out prizes (these can be simple coloured ribbons or goofy dollar store trinkets/maple leaf buttons) to the best, silliest, weirdest, most off-the-wall jokes. If children don't bring any jokes with them, have a pile of them written out so that kids can pick them out of a hat and read them.

### **Games**

- **Charades**

Before you begin, explain the rules to the children. If you are not sure what they are, you can find them on the Internet and in many game books.

Have the children pick book titles that you have already selected and placed into a jar. Include popular Canadian titles that might be fun to pantomime like Gordon Korman's *Something Fishy at Macdonald Hall* or *The Paper-Bag Princess* by Robert Munsch.

- **Broken telephone- LOL Canadian style**

Try using Canadian quotes/humour/facts. Have everyone sit in a circle and whisper a short sentence to the person next to you. Each person then passes the message on to the person sitting next to them until the message goes all around the circle. The last person to hear the message then tells everyone what he/she has heard.

### **All Canadian Snacks**

Chocolate fudge moose droppings

Road-kill pizza

Canada Dry